



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

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Deputy Secretary's Agenda



- Opening Remarks
- DDA Regional Office Update
- Appendix K Update
- Maryland 1135 Waiver Update
- Kenneth A Feder, PhD, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Questions

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- I hope you had the opportunity to read the resources we posted on the DDA website and our Constant Contact communication on Appendix K operational guidance
- This week we hosted a series of webinars to go over operational guides, forms, and processes that have been developed to operationalize Appendix K

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

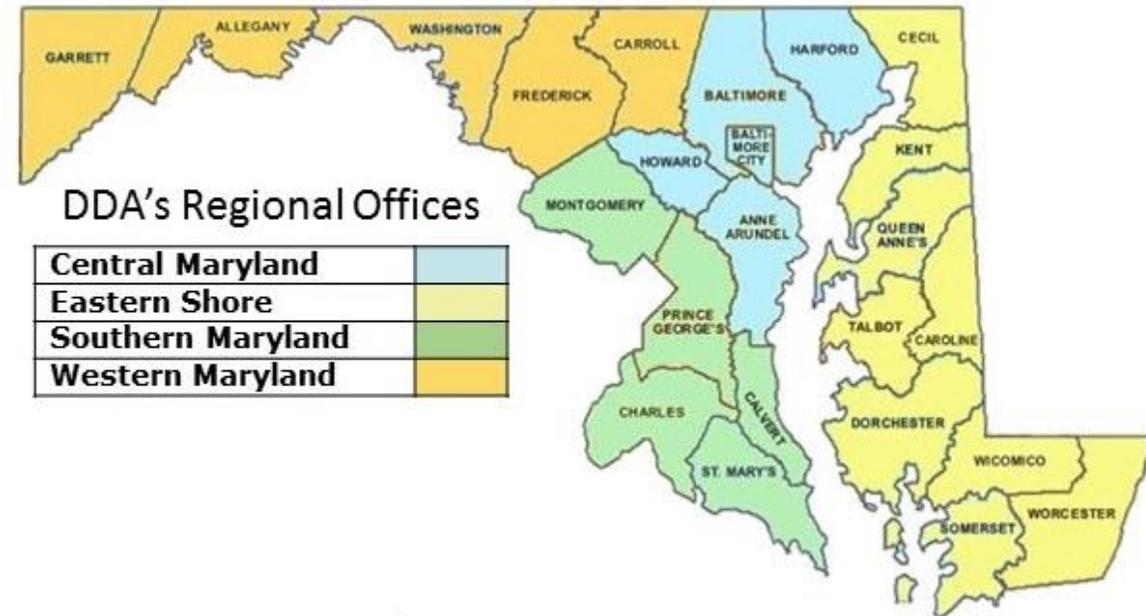
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
 - The DDA has made good progress on the distribution of PPE. This week during our second round of distribution the Regions were able to successfully coordinate with our providers, people in self-direction and microboards
- **Group Homes Grocery Purchasing Over the Limit**
 - Allows for our provider staff to be able to purchase multiple quantities of food and other essential supplies above the maximum limit that a store has identified for members of the public, such as milk, eggs, bread, meats, toilet tissue and cleaning supplies, etc.

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- **Access to Supports for People with Developmental Disabilities in Hospitals**
 - The DDA is working with the Department of Disabilities on guidance for hospital visitation policy to support people with disabilities
- **Directive and Orders Regarding Certain Licensed Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities**
 - Requires notification of COVID-19 positive determination for community living residents and direct support professionals

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Appendix K Update

- DDA Appendix K webpage information includes:
 - Letters
 - Federal Application
 - [DDA Appendix K Provisions At a Glance](#)
 - “At a Glance” documents to help inform stakeholders
 - Topic specific guidance memorandums
 - Topic specific webinars
 - Frequently Asked Questions

https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA_Appendix_K.aspx

Appendix K Webinars

- [DDA Appendix K #1 - Retainer Payment Guidance](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #2 - Residential Day Time Shared Service Hours Authorization](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #3 - Personal Supports Authorization and Exceptions](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #4 - Exceptions to Pre Authorization and Service Requirements](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #5 - COVID-19 New Services Authorization Request Process](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #6 - Staff Training and On-boarding Flexibility](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #8 - Service Delivery in Alternative Settings and Out of State](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #9 - Site Capacity \(Exceed License Maximum\)](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #10 - Exceed Group Size and 1:1 & 2:1 Exception Request](#)
- [DDA Appendix K #11 - Self Directed Service Delivery Model Exceptions](#)

Appendix K Communication

Reminders

- Carefully read the resources posted on the DDA's [Appendix K](#) webpage
 - “At a Glance” documents
 - Topic specific guidance memorandums
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
 - [DDA Appendix K Frequently Asked Questions May 5, 2020](#)
- Submit questions *not addressed in guidance or FAQs* to dda.toolkitinfo@maryland.gov

1135 Waiver Update

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Maryland's Medicaid waiver second requests under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act
 - *The Department requests the authority to waive the requirement for a written signature on all person-centered service plans. In lieu of a written signature, verbal consent would be permitted as a substitution. Verbal consent would be documented in the participant's record*
- The DDA is working with Medicaid to get a formal communication out

The DDA Commitment

- We will continue to share information and resources
- We will continue to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the people you support, their families, and staff
- We will help Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive
- We will continue to keep you updated



Responding to Outbreaks of COVID-19 in Homes for People with Developmental Disabilities

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